Ninth Annual
OXFORD SUMMER INSTITUTE IN MODERN AND CONTEMPORARY JUDAISM
(OSI – MCJ)

Worship, Space, and Performance in Modern and Contemporary Judaism:
Continuity and Innovation

3 July – 8 July 2022

Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies
in conjunction with the
Philip and Muriel Berman Center for Jewish Studies, Lehigh University

PROGRAMME

Quilted Torah mantles, Amanda Ford, Maryland, USA
SUNDAY, JULY 3

Morning
Arrival at Worcester College

12:00pm
Lunch in Rose Garden Room

1:30pm
SESSION 1: Opening

● Miri Freud-Kandel, Hartley Lachter, Adam Ferziger, Jodi Eichler-Levine
● Welcome, explanation of concept, expectations
● Roundtable self-introductions/research focus of each participant

3:30pm
Coffee Break

4:00pm
SESSION 2: Ritual and the Mystical Realms

Chair: Miri Freud-Kandel

Hartley Lachter Ritual – Theurgy, and Historical Meaning in Medieval Kabbalah

Wojciech Tworek – Di beste skhoyre? Staff and faculty in an interwar Hasidic yeshiva: the case of Chabad

Respondents: Felicia Waldman, Adam Ferziger

Discussion

6:30pm
Welcome Get-Together in Rose Garden

7:30pm
Dinner


MONDAY, JULY 4

8:00am
Breakfast

10:00am
SESSION 3: Beyond the Temple

Chair: Dalia Marx
Presenter: Martin Goodman (invited speaker, OCHJS and Oriental Studies)

11:00am  Coffee Break

Discussion

12:30pm  Lunch

2:00pm  **SESSION 4: Performance and Conceptualization**

   Chair: Hartley Lachter

   Jodi Eichler-Levine – Jewish Soundscapes, Disney Dreams: Performance and Rituals at the Happiest Place on Earth

   Netta Schram – Sound Beliefs: A performative approach to the thought of Irving Greenberg, Ovadia Yosef, and Yeshayahu Leibowitz

   Respondents: Jessica Roda, Lindsey Taylor-Guthartz

4:00pm  Coffee Break

4:30pm  **SESSION 5: Transformative Spaces**

   Chair: Adam Ferziger


   Sasha Goldstein-Sabbah – Moroccan Judaism 2.0: Worship, Space, and Performance in Passover Programs

   Respondents: Wojciech Tworek, Netta Schramm

Discussion

7:30pm  Dinner
TUESDAY, JULY 5

8:00am  Breakfast

10:00am  SESSION 6: Women and Worship

Chair: Hartley Lachter

Miri Freud-Kandel – From Louis to Lindsey: Women’s Religious Leadership, British Orthodoxy, and Shifting Approaches to Authority

Michal Raucher – The Synagogue Rabbi: The Stained-Glass Ceiling and the Solid Wood Mechitza

Respondents: Doron Bar, Dalia Marx

Coffee Break

Discussion

12:30pm  Lunch

2:00pm  SESSION 7: Gender and Digital Space

Chair: Miri Freud-Kandel

Adam Ferziger – "A Daf of our Own" Gender, Talmud Study, and Orthodox Judaism in Digital Space

Jessica Roda – The Private Performer: Expanding Creativity, Redefining Publicity

Respondents: Jodi Eichler-Levine, Sasha Goldstein-Sabah

Discussion

3:30pm  Coffee Break

4:00pm  SESSION 8: Worship Through Art

Chair: Jodi Eicher-Levine

Presenter: Jacqueline Nicholls (Invited Speaker)
7:30pm Dinner

Wednesday, July 6

8:00am Breakfast

10:00am SESSION 9: Nation Construction and Sanctification

Chair: Adam Ferziger

Yaakov Yadgar – Nation-Statist Soteriology and Traditions of Defeat: Religious-Zionism, the Ninth of Av, and Jerusalem Day

Doron Bar – The Tsaddification of the Jewish Sacred Space in the Land of Israel

Respondents: Hartley Lachter and Michal Raucher

Coffee Break

Discussion

12:00pm Lunch

2:00pm SESSION 10: What Have We Learned So Far?

Moderator: Hartley Lachter

3:30pm Depart for Bodleian Library Tour (Optional)

5:30pm Early dinner

6:45pm Meet for Midsummer Night’s Dream at Oxford Castle Theatre (Optional)

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THURSDAY, JULY 7

8:00am   Breakfast

10:00am  SESSION 11: Worship, Space, and Performance in Comparative Perspective

Chair: Miri Freud Kandel

Presenter: Justin Jones (invited speaker, Faculty of Theology & Religion, University of Oxford)

11:00am  Coffee Break

Discussion

12:30pm  Lunch

2:00pm   Study Session: “Reading” Jewish Material Culture

Chair/Facilitator: Jodi Eichler-Levine

Discussion

3:30pm   Coffee Break

4:00pm   SESSION 13: Performative Study

Chair: Hartley Lachter

Dalia Marx – The TaNaKH in the Israeli Public Sphere: The Case of the 929 Project

Lindsey Taylor-Guthartz – ‘A Taste of the World to Come’: Time and Timelessness at Limmud Conference

Respondents: Miri Freud-Kandel, Alicia Vergara Murillo

Discussion

7:30pm   Concluding Dinner
FRIDAY, JULY 8

8:00am  Breakfast

9:00am  SESSION 14: Summary Session and Topics for the Future

Moderators: Jodi Eichler-Levine, Hartley Lachter, Adam Ferziger, Miri Freud-Kandel

11:00  Safe travels to all!

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Doron Bar (The Schechter Institute for Jewish Studies)
Sasha Goldstein-Sabbah (University of Groningen)
Dalia Marx (Hebrew Union College - JIR)
Michal Raucher (Rutgers University)
Jessica Roda (Georgetown University)
Netta Schramm (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
Lindsey Taylor-Guthartz (London School of Jewish Studies)
Wojciech Tworek (University of Wrocław)
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